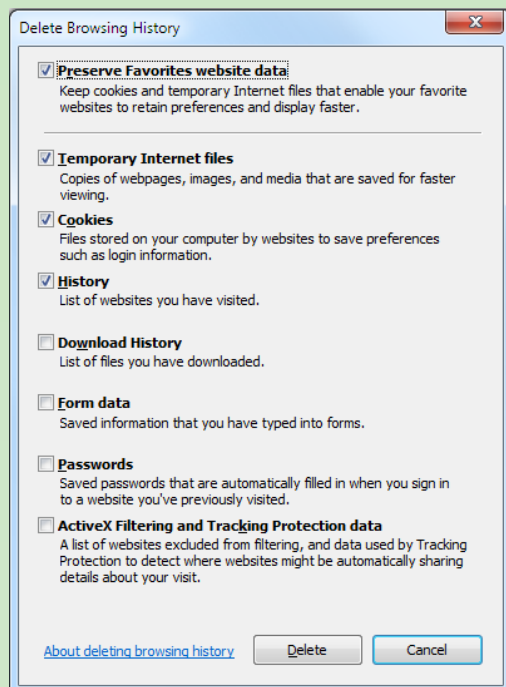


## Introduction

Items such as browsing history, cache and cookies are saved on your browser while you surf the Web, utilized in a number of different ways to improve your browsing experience. These private data components, while offering conveniences such as faster load times and auto-populated forms, can also be sensitive in nature. Whether it be the password for your email account or the information for your favorite credit card, much of the data left behind at the end of your browsing session could potentially be harmful if found in the wrong hands. In addition to the inherent security risk, there are also privacy issues to consider.

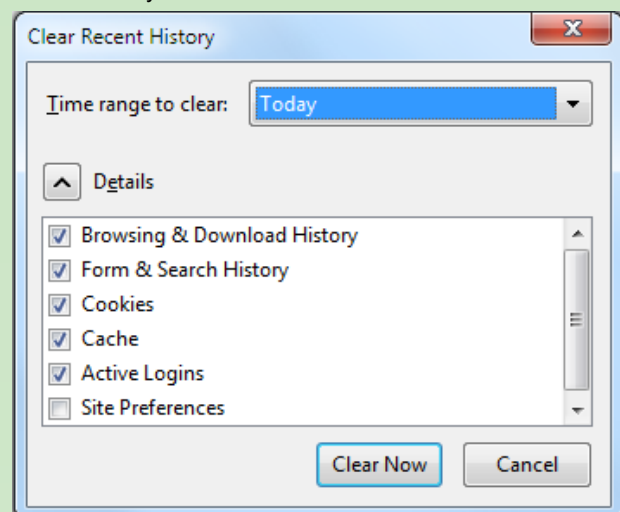
## Delete Your Internet Explorer History

A useful keyboard shortcut for deleting your browsing history in Internet Explorer is *Ctrl-Shift-Delete*. If you press this combination of keys in a recent version of Explorer, you'll bring up a dialog box that lets you specify what you want to keep and what you want to purge. Simply check the boxes next to the history items you want to remove and then click *Delete*.



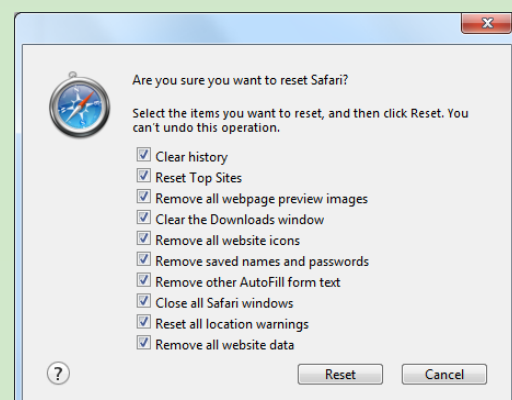
## Delete Your Firefox History

Firefox fans, too, have access to the same keyboard shortcut for deleting browser history as IE and Chrome users: Press *Ctrl-Shift-Delete* to summon the history-clearing options that are available to you in Firefox. If you don't see a detailed list of what you can and can't delete, click the *Details* arrow to reveal the specifics. As with Chrome, you have the option of choosing a time range to clear. The options are a bit different, however. In Firefox, you can clear the last hour, the last 2 hours, the last 4 hours, the last full day, or your entire Firefox history.



## Delete Your Safari History

Like most browsers, Safari has a ton of keyboard shortcuts, but it doesn't have one for deleting your browser history. Instead, click the gear icon in the upper-right corner, and select *Reset Safari*. In the resulting pop-up menu, check the items that you want to clear; then press the *Reset* button to purge your data.

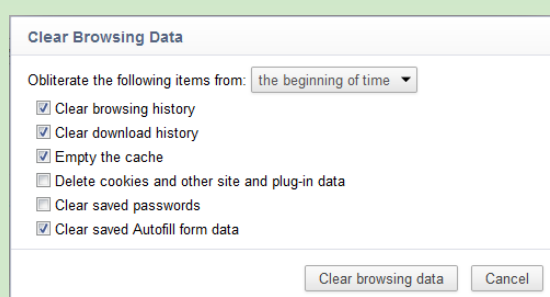


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## Delete Your Google Chrome History

Chrome users have access to the same slick keyboard shortcut as Internet Explorer users. Press *Ctrl-Shift-Delete* in Chrome, and you'll see Google's options for deleting your browser history. As with IE, simply check the boxes next to the history items you want to clear, but be sure to examine the options available to you in the drop-down menu at the top. This menu allows you to specify how much of your history you'd like to delete.

You can choose to excise the past hour, day, week, or month--or you can obliterate everything since the beginning of time.



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## Delete Your History on Android Devices

There are different browsers and even applications to consider, so here's a guide to doing so for three of the most popular Android browsers – Chrome, Firefox and Google Play Store.

### Chrome Browser for Android

Chrome is the default web browser of the Android, so this is crucial for users of devices with the most recent updates (which are always recommended) and stock browser settings. With any tab open in the Chrome app, select the three square dots in the top right of the window and select *Settings*. Under the 'Advanced' heading choose *Privacy*, and then on the right side of the top bar you will see 'Clear Browsing Data'. Simply select this and choose what you wish to remove (history, cache, cookies, form data, saved passwords etc) and your web history is removed.

Alternatively, if you don't want the sites you browse to be stored in Chrome's history, simply go into *options* (the three squared dots) and select *New Incognito Tab*. Data won't be stored for the duration that this tab is in use.

### Firefox Browser for Android

To remove your history in Firefox for Android, again select the three square dots in the top right, and choose *Settings*. Under the third division, named 'Privacy & Security' you will find *Clear Private Data*. From there, you can choose what you wish to delete and select *Clear Data*.

### Google Play Store for Android

Browsers aren't the only applications which retain a history on an Android device. If you regularly search for apps in the Play Store, you may notice when you search for a new app that your previous searches remain. To remove these, choose the three square dots in the top right of the Play application, select *Settings* and under 'General' tap *Clear Search History*.

### Google For Android

If you own an Android device, then you have a Google account. Any time you are logged on to that account, on any device that is connected to the internet, Google will store your search in case you want to revisit it later. If you didn't know that Google was doing this, or think you'd rather not have Google storing such data, you can clear the history and stop it storing future searches. To do this go to <http://www.google.com/history> and sign in to your account. Once in, choose the cog icon on the right and select *Settings*. Here you can clear your search history, and turn off your future 'Web History'.

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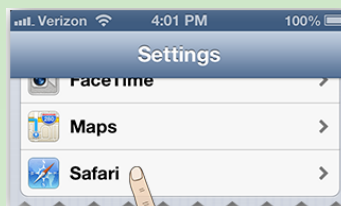
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## Clearing Safari's History

Open Settings. From your home screen (the default location), tap the Settings icon, open the Settings control panel. \*If you don't see your Settings, swipe the screen, moving it to the left until you reach the Search page. Enter "settings" in the search field, and then tap on the Settings icon in the results.



Locate Safari. In the Settings control panel, search for Safari. It will be below all the built in apps. When you find it, tap the button to open the Safari control panel.



Locate the Clear History button. In the Safari control panel, scroll down to the Privacy section, and find the Clear History button, then tap it. Tap the Clear History button to erase your browsing history. You'll be asked to confirm that you wish to clear your history. Accept the confirmation. This removes only your browsing history—the specific web pages you've visited—but leaves intact everything else.



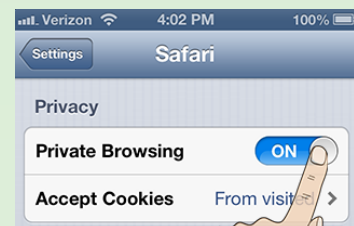
Choose additional options. You can clear cookies and data, as well. This is information used by websites that you visit to preserve such things as logins, auto-fill account info, and other automated functions.



Go private. For browsing without leaving a history, or cookies and data, enable Private Browsing. While this leaves no trace of your browsing activities, it will also not store passwords or other login data. \*Note that when you disable Private Browsing, any pages you leave open will no longer be private.

\*Note: iOS 5 or later: To clear other stored information from Safari, tap Advanced > Website Data > Remove All Website Data

\*\*Note: With iOS 7 you may have to disable restrictions first. Go to settings > General > Restrictions > Disable restrictions. Then go to Safari and delete history. Then go back to restrictions and enable them.



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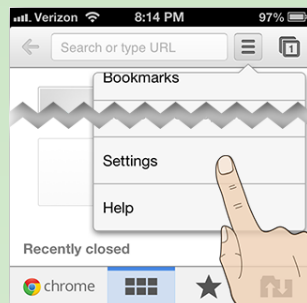
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## Clearing Chrome's History

Launch Google Chrome. If you've downloaded it, but can't find the app, swipe the screen, moving it to the left until you reach the Search page. Enter "chrome" in the search field, then tap on the Chrome icon in the results.



Open the Settings panel. Tap the Chrome menu in the upper right: it looks like 3 short horizontal lines. Locate the Settings menu item at the bottom of the list, and tap it to open the Settings control panel.

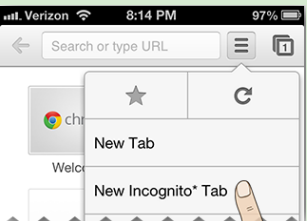


Tap Privacy. In the Settings panel, locate the Privacy button, and tap it to open the Privacy control panel.



Clear Browsing History. It's located at the top of the page in the Clear Browsing Data section.

Accept the confirmation. From the popup confirmation dialog, tap the large red Clear Browsing History button. This will clear your entire browsing history for Google Chrome. In the same section, you can also clear your cache, cookies and site data, or everything.



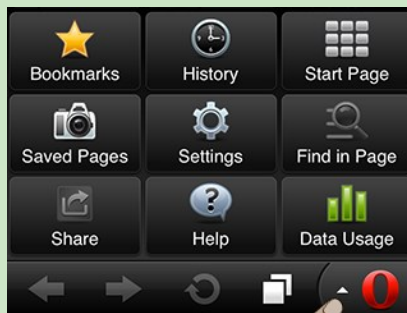
Browse "Incognito." For total history-free browsing, select "New Incognito\* Tab" in the Chrome menu.

## Clearing Opera's History

Launch Opera Mini. If you've downloaded it, but can't find the app, swipe the screen, moving it to the left until you reach the Search page. Enter "opera" in the search field, then tap on the Opera icon (a red O) in the results.

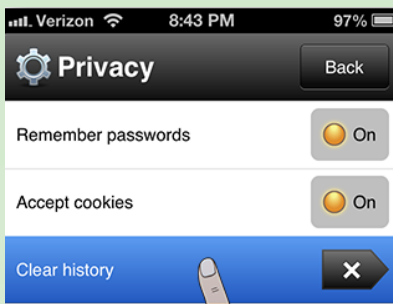
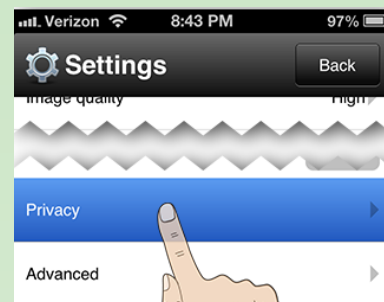


## Clearing Opera's History (continued)



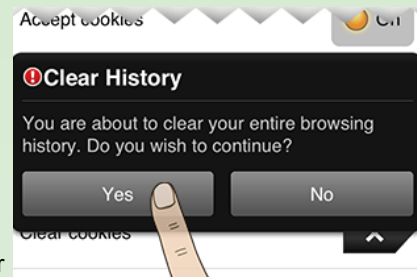
Launch Opera Mini. If you've downloaded it, but can't find the app, swipe the screen, moving it to the left until you reach the Search page. Enter "Opera" in the search field, then tap on the Opera icon (a red O) in the results.

Tap the Opera menu in the lower right. It is the Opera logo—the red O. A menu panel will pop up. Locate the settings option—a silver gear. Tap it to open the Settings control panel.



Tap Privacy. In the Settings panel, locate the Privacy button at the bottom of the screen. Tap it to open the Privacy control panel.

Tap Clear Browsing History. It's located at the top of the page in the Clear Browsing Data section.



Accept the confirmation. This will clear your entire browsing history for Opera Mini. In the same section, you can also clear your passwords and your cookies. As of this writing, Opera Mini has no provision for private or incognito browsing.

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